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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my interest on the recent antitrust settlement between Microsoft and the US department of Justice. The lawsuit has gone on long enough and should be finalized. All that is happening now is taxpayer dollars are being wasted and other companies are being given the chance to tack on their own lawsuits. Microsoft has done wonderful things for our country including creating jobs, wealth, and making technological breakthroughs.

They shouldn't be forced to disclose interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products. They have spent huge amounts of money and resources developing these secrets. They should also not be prohibited from entering into agreements that obligate third parties to exclusively distribute Microsoft products. This inhibits their ability to gain market share.

Nevertheless, the settlement should be implemented so that our IT sector can rebound. Our nation needs to pull out of recession and cannot afford to have the government interfering with the most successful businesses. Make the right choice and do what is best for the public. End the dispute.

Sincerely,

Bhanu Patel

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